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MEDIA REMINDER

PSC TO HOLD LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING IN ST. JOSEPH

JEFFERSON CITY—The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold a local public hearing in **St. Joseph** on **November 17, 2005**, to receive customer comment in electric and steam rate cases filed by Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila Networks-MPS and Aquila Networks-L&P. The Commission is also seeking customer comment on a case before the Commission examining the class cost of service and rate design of Aquila's electric operations.

The St. Joseph local public hearing will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2005, in the City Council Chamber, 1100 Frederick Avenue. There will be an informal question and answer session from 5:30 pm until 6:00 pm with the local public hearing starting at 6:00 pm. The hearing will continue until 9:00 pm or until all persons present have had an opportunity to speak, whichever is sooner.

This local public hearing will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans With Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodations to participate in the public hearing should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

On May 24, 2005, Aquila filed an electric rate case with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking to increase annual electric revenues in its MPS and L&P service areas. Aquila, Inc. seeks an increase of approximately \$69.2 million in its MPS service area and an increase of approximately \$9.4 million in its L&P service area.

For the average MPS residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month, the proposed increase would be approximately \$11.48 a month. For the average L&P residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month, the proposed increase would be approximately \$4.54 a month.

On May 27, 2005, Aquila, Inc. filed a steam rate case seeking to increase annual steam revenues in its L&P service area. Aquila, Inc. seeks an increase of approximately \$5 million. Aquila, Inc. provides service to five industrial steam customers in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Prior to the rate case filings, a case examining Aquila's class cost of service and rate design began (EO-2002-384). This case was established as a result of 2001 electric rate case agreement. In this case, the cost of providing service to specific classes of customers (residential, small general service, etc.) is examined. The total revenues generated by Aquila, Inc. will not change as a result of this case, but there could be a shifting of cost within the customer classes. This means that while Aquila, Inc.'s total revenues will not change, classes of customers could receive a rate increase or decrease.

Aquila, Inc. provides electric service to approximately 240,000 customers in its MPS service area and to approximately 60,000 customers in its L&P service area (formerly St. Joseph Light & Power).